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FOR ANGEVINE EB/FTD FROM CHIEF TEXTILE NEGOTIATOR

EO 11652: GDS
TAGS: ETRD, GATT
SUBJ: MFA RENEWAL

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1. BOTH DURING INFORMAL CONVERSATIONS AND SEVEN PLUS SEVEN MEETING ON FEB 16, IT WAS MANIFESTLY CLEAR THAT IF EC COMES TO MARCH TC MEETING WITHOUT MANDATE, DEVELOPING EXPORTING COUNTRIES WILL CITE THIS SITUATIONS AS EXAMPLE OF FORESTALLING ON PART OF THE EC; THEY MAY WELL ACCUSE EC OF DELIBERATE EFFORT TO WRECK MFA AND DISRUPT DEVELOPING COUNTRIES' TEXTILE TRADE. DURING SEVEN PLUS SEVEN MEETING RAFFAELLI (BRAZIL) POINTEDLY NOTED THAT IT WAS NOT UNUSUAL FOR EC TO ARRIVE AT NEGOTIATIONS WITHOUT NEGOTIATING POSITION; THEY HAD DONE SO WHEN NEGOTIATING THE MFA IN 1973. THEREFORE, SUGGEST CONSIDERATION OF ADDING FOLLOWING SENTENCE AT END OF REVISION SUGGESTED IN PARA 11 OF REFTEL. QUOTE.
MOREOVER, FAILURE OF EC TO COME WITH MANDATE TO MARCH TC MEETING SEEMS CERTAIN TO PERCIPITATE CHARGES BY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES THAT EC, ITSELF, IS DELIBERATELY FORESTALLING; THE EC MAY WELL ALSO BE CHARGED WITH
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DELIBERATELY SEEKING TO DISRUPT DEVELOPING COUNTRIES' TRADE. UNQUOTE

2. AFTER SEVEN PLUS SEVEN MEETING WE ARE FIRMLY CONVINCED THAT APPROACH TO EC SHOULD BE MADE INITIALLY AT HIGHEST POSSIBLE LEVEL: PRESIDENT JENKINS. DURING SEVEN PLUS SEVEN, KLARIC STATED THAT HE COULD NOT GIVE

ASSURANCE THAT COUNCIL OF MINISTERS WOULD EVEN HAVE TIME TO CONSIDER MFA RENEWAL; EVEN IF THE COUNCIL WERE TO CONSIDER THE QUESTION, IT WAS AGAIN NOT CERTAIN THAT AGREEMENT WOULD BE REACHED. KLARIC EXPLAINED THAT COUNCIL MEETING HAD HEAVY AGENDA, WITH MANY IMPORTANT QUESTIONS TO BE CONSIDERED; ONE OF MOST IMPORTANT OF THESE MATTERS WAS THE NORTH/SOUTH DIALOGUE. IMPLICATION WAS CLEAR THAT SUCH WEIGHTY QUESTIONS MIGHT PUSH ASIDE CONSIDERATION OF THE MFA. CATTO

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